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Mr. Gene Pabst
City of Springfield
Sanitary Services
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Dear Gene 

This letter is in response to the complaint investigation conducted by this office at the city of Springfield's operations center located on west Nichols Street. The complainant had indicated a concern that paints and herbicides were being discharged into the sewer system.

During the investigation, city representatives indicated that use of the Vapor Rooter herbicide had been discontinued around five years ago. You were unaware of any recent use or disposal of this herbicide, which was formulated for management of roots within sewer lines.

City road crews do clean the striping vehicle on the lot. Wash waters are discharged directly into a sanitary service manhole. This manhole was examined and was identical to the manhole described by the complainant.

The concern regarding the alleged leaking sewer in the vicinity of Edgewater and Riverview has been referred to our water pollution staff for follow-up. Your cooperation and assistance in this matter has been greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please advise.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE



Mark Rader, Chief
Hazardous Waste Unit

C: Kathy Flippin, HWP

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Memo to File

Re: Hazardous Waste - Stored Behind Sewer Maintenance Building.

At Approximately 11:30 A.M. December 10, 1988, Mr. Chuck Kroeger, contacted this office and wanted to know if they (M.D.N.R.) could store 4-5 drums of hazardous waste behind the sewer maintenance Building. They were cleaning a ~~quite~~ small oil spill - drums of waste oil & the soil around the drums. Mr. Kroeger said that Ridel was doing the cleanup work. They should be back in a couple of weeks to pick it up. I talked to Mr. Henry Cole, Sanitary Engineer for the City, and he said it would be O.K. Mr. Cole wanted a letter from D.N.R. stating that the material was theirs and that they would be back to pick it up. Mr. Kroeger stated that he could do that. The material was from the alley behind the 300 block of East McDaniel St.

At Approximately 3:00 P.M. Mr. Kroeger & Ridel personnel arrived at our office. They delivered 3 steel drums & 3 overpack drums.

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